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AN establishment of the Moravian Church, has been in successful operation as a Boarding School, since the year 1785, and is believed to be the oldest institution of the kind in the United States. Located in a most healthful district of country, amid the charming scenery of the Lehigh Valley, and in a village whose people have always been distinguished for a high moral tone and a superior cultivation, this school possesses external advantages that can rarely be surpassed. The Seminary grounds are ample, and are tastefully laid out. The romantic neighborhood, with its mountains, and river, and islands, furnishes lovely places of resort, which are frequently visited in their proper season.

During the past three-fourths of a century, more than three thousand six hundred of its alumnæ have spread its reputation over all parts of the Union; and it is upon the favorable opinion and matured judgment of these that the school now chiefly relies for its support. With the progress of society, and the advancement of science, such solid additions and improvements have been made in the accommodations, and in the course of instruction, as to keep the school upon a position of equality with the best institutions of the land; while in the leading principles, and mode of

its government, no material alterations have been made, from a conviction that the old system best subserves the general welfare of its pupils, and the purposes of a sound education. The reputation and character of a *fashionable school* are designedly avoided. Solid learning, the discipline and development of the mind, the acquisition of true principles of morals and religion, and a healthful physical development, are considered of paramount importance. No effort shall be spared to impart such an education to the pupils as will fit them for the highest usefulness in this life, and prepare them for an eternity of happiness in the world to come. All the arrangements and regulations of the household are adapted to these ends.

DOMESTIC ARRANGEMENTS.

The Institution is intended exclusively for boarders, though a limited number of the daughters of the citizens of our borough are received as day-scholars.

The students and teachers of the Seminary constitute one household, at the head of which stand the Principal and his wife.

The whole number of students is divided, without reference to scholarship, and mainly according to age, into smaller *families*, over each of which two tutoresses preside. These families, of which there are at present *ten*, (consisting of from fifteen to twenty young ladies each,) *room* together. That is, they have a common sitting-room and several additional apartments for their exclusive use, a common dormitory and wash-room, they eat at the same table in the general dining-room, and look up to the same teachers for direction and advice. For purposes of counsel and control, one of these teachers is with her charge at all hours, to superintend their studies, to preserve order, to accompany them on their daily walks, to meals, and to church and chapel. Both

teachers sleep in the same dormitory with the pupils of their charge.

We are persuaded that no better system can be devised for promoting good morals, cultivating correct personal and social habits, inculcating right principles, and preparing girls for actual and safe intercourse with the world in which they will shortly have to move, than this companionship of a number of fellow-students when judiciously supervised and regulated by faithful and conscientious teachers.

The apartments of the pupils are plain, but comfortable at all seasons of the year. The best conveniences of the modern dwelling are introduced. The whole house (232 feet front, by from 50 to 100 feet in depth, and four to five stories high,) is well warmed by furnaces and stoves, lighted with gas, and water is introduced into various parts of each story. There are baths of warm and cold water; and it is contemplated shortly to fit up a swimming-room in the basement story. With a view to health, the greatest cleanliness pervades the whole establishment, and every portion of the house is thoroughly ventilated.

For sickness, special provision is made. The sick are not permitted to occupy the same sleeping apartments with those that are well, but retire to rooms set apart for their use in the west wing of the edifice, where they can enjoy perfect quiet and repose, and where no danger to the remainder of the household need be apprehended.

In charge of this department is a matron, who remains in constant attendance, and waits upon the sick. An experienced and skillful physician, who is at the same time one of the professors in the institution, visits the sick several times each day.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR SCHOLASTIC INSTRUCTION.

The organization of the pupils into classes for recitation is totally distinct from their distribution into families. Here, regard

is had simply to their proficiency. A new distribution takes place every hour. No lesson is permitted to exceed one hour's duration, nor is the learner confined to one spot for a longer time.

The time daily employed in recitations is six hours; but the pupils devote at least two hours to study in addition to the time employed in the regular exercises of the Institution.

The amount of work required is carefully regulated with reference to age, constitution, and ability, so that the students may not injure their health in the pursuit of knowledge. And as years are necessary for the proper development and maturity of the understanding, the regular course of collegiate English studies is seldom entered upon before the age of fifteen. The time prior to this is thought to be more profitably employed in the elementary branches, to which very special attention is given, as well as to the acquisition of languages and music.

There are four principal divisions—the Primary, Middle, Junior, and Senior Classes; but the pupil does not necessarily belong to any one of these exclusively. She attends that class to which she belongs by the acquirements she has already made in the particular study under consideration.

No *course* of a given number of years is acknowledged; but each pupil is advanced as rapidly as she is able to bear. The Principal retains the power of deciding what studies are the most proper for each to pursue.

For a full and liberal course of instruction in the higher branches, if united with the study of languages and music, not less than three years should be appropriated subsequent to a pupil's entrance into the junior classes.

As no *degrees* or *diplomas* are conferred under our system, pupils who leave school, upon application to the Principal, will be supplied with certificates of character and scholarship.

REGULAR STUDIES.

The regular branches of instruction are as follows, viz :—

IN THE PRIMARY DIVISION :

Spelling and Definitions, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Grammar, Geography, History, and Primary Philosophy.

IN THE MIDDLE DIVISION :

The same, with Astronomy, and Analysis.

IN THE JUNIOR DIVISION :

Grammar and Analytical Manual, History continued, Political and Physical Geography, Astronomy, Arithmetic and Algebra, Geometry, Natural Philosophy and Chemistry, Rhetoric, Book-keeping, Natural History, and Physiology.

IN THE SENIOR DIVISION :

Rhetoric, Criticism and Prosody, English and General Literature, Butler's Analogy, Logic, Mythology, Physical Sciences continued, Algebra continued, Geometry continued, Moral Science, Intellectual Science, Mineralogy, Geology, etc. etc.

Exercises in Composition, Reading, Penmanship, and Arithmetic, are common to all classes.

EXTRA STUDIES.

Connected with the above studies, thorough instruction is given in the following branches, for which extra compensation is required, viz. :—

The French, Latin, German, Spanish, and Italian languages.

Drawing, in Pencil and Crayon; and Painting, in Oil or Water Colors.

Music, on the Piano-Forte, Guitar, Melodeon, Harp, and Vocal Music.

Ornamental Needlework, in worsteds, chenille, etc.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION.

The school is conducted on religious, but not sectarian principles, scrupulous regard being had to the views and sentiments of each Christian denomination.

The Principal stands in the relation of pastor to the pupils, and by personal counsel endeavors to enforce upon the conscience and heart the important doctrines and pure precepts of the holy Scriptures as the rule of life and only safe guide to happiness. He conducts the daily morning exercises in the chapel of the Institution, and imparts regular religious instruction in the appropriate services of the Sabbath.

The pupils commit to memory and recite a text of Scripture daily. They attend divine service only in their own chapel, and in the Moravian church.

GOVERNMENT.

Good conduct is required of every pupil, and at all times. Industry, order, and punctuality, courtesy and good temper in their intercourse with their teachers and with each other, propriety of language and deportment, are carefully enjoined and enforced as essential elements of a good character. The rule of *right* is the standard by which actions are weighed. As to incidental regulations and requirements of the house, the pupil is expected to receive the law from the lips of those teachers who are specially set over her, and to yield implicit obedience to their directions, in the same manner as they would to parents in any well-regulated family. The proper subordination is insisted upon; yet care is taken to develop the power of self-government, and not to interfere unnecessarily with the natural buoyancy of youthful spirits. All are made to feel at home, and happy, while they acquire those ideas and habits which will fit them for the sober duties and realities of life. A cheerful submission to the system pursued by

us seldom fails to bring forth good fruits, while the life-enduring attachment generally borne to the school by its former inmates is the best evidence of the spirit in which its discipline has been administered.

DRESS, ETC.

Neatness and simplicity of dress are enjoined upon all, and parents and guardians are requested not to supply their daughters and wards with expensive apparel or jewelry.

The young ladies are required, as far as possible, to keep their own wardrobes in repair, and spend some hours every week in plain needlework, which, in the youngest departments, constitutes a regular branch of instruction.

Teachers take the charge or superintendence of the clothing of the younger pupils.

SESSIONS, VACATIONS, ETC.

The Sessions are *annual*, commencing in the middle of August, and closing on the last Thursday of June.

The Sessions are divided into two TERMS: the *first* terminating at Christmas, the *second* continuing from New-Year to the close of Session.

A short vacation of two weeks occurs at Christmas; but no extra charge is made if pupils remain in the Seminary during that time.

The *Summer Vacation* takes place in the interval of the Sessions, from the last Thursday of June to the middle of August. Pupils remaining in the Seminary are charged at the regular rate for board, washing, and tuition.

A brief recess of five days is observed, beginning on the Thursday before Easter, for the purpose of attending the religious exercises of the Holy Week; but parents are urgently desired not to use this occasion to take their daughters home, since experi-

ence proves that they are not punctual in returning, and the absence of any considerable number at one time seriously interferes with the studies of those who remain at school.

Each Term is closed with public exercises, which all the students attend. Parents are requested not to listen to the solicitations of their daughters for permission to leave school before the actual close.

It is equally desirable that all should return promptly at the opening of the Term, when the classes are organized.

ADMISSION AND REMOVAL.

Pupils over ten years of age will be admitted at any time when there are vacancies. But none are admitted for a shorter period than one Term. Pupils entering for the first time are charged only from the date of their entry.

No allowance can be made for absence during the Term, unless it be occasioned by sickness or other casualty, and unless it exceeds a month.

Timely application for admission should be made to the Principal, and it is expected that *notice of intention to withdraw a pupil should also be given*. The latter is a matter of considerable importance, since a failure to observe this regulation prevents us from accepting applications to fill the vacancies thus created.

Notice of removal should be given at least two months in advance.

VISITS.

The pupils are not allowed to receive visitors at the school or to visit out of it, except with the express permission of their parents or guardians. Even with this authority obtained, the Principal must be allowed to exercise his discretion in giving his sanction to it. Nothing is more fallacious than the opinion of parents, that it will contribute to the happiness of their daughters to have a visit-

ing-place in the village. The choice of society within the Institution itself is great, and all that can justly be desired; and the responsibility of guarding pupils from evil influences when they pass beyond our jurisdiction is one that cannot be assumed.

Under ordinary circumstances, therefore, visits of pupils in private families of the place, or at the inns, will not be permitted, except it be in the company of their near relatives, or judicious and old friends of the family.

• CORRESPONDENCE.

The correspondence of our pupils must pass through the hands of the Principal, or his wife, and be subject to their perusal, if deemed necessary. Yet this power is so exercised as not to interfere with a free communication with all proper parties.

To assist the younger pupils in forming correct habits of letter-writing, teachers revise their letters.

EXPENSES, ETC.

The *necessary* expense of a full Session, including outlays for books, etc., will not exceed Two Hundred Dollars. To this sum Twenty-five Dollars must be added, if the pupil remains during the Summer vacation.

When extra branches are pursued, the charges must be added, as stated in the Terms on page 23.

Books and Stationery will be sold at the Seminary, at reasonable prices, or may be placed to account, together with other contingent expenses, and paid at the end of every three months.

Articles of dress will be supplied under the direction of the wife of the Principal, when parents residing at a distance *expressly* desire it.

The pupils themselves are not permitted to contract debts in the village, either on their own account or that of their parents.

There are no charges for fuel, light, baths, library, etc.

A MEDICAL FEE OF ONE DOLLAR, for every three months, will be charged in the bills. No additional charge will be made for medicines and attendance, unless in extraordinary cases, and when other than the resident physician is called in.

The Institution supplies *all* table furniture, bedding, etc.; and the scholars are only expected to bring with them what belongs to the toilet, such as towels, etc.

Every garment must be distinctly marked.

POCKET MONEY.

Parents and guardians are earnestly solicited not to furnish their daughters and wards with much spending money. The best method is to allow them a moderate and fixed sum, at stated times. The Principal is willing to advance this and bring it in account; but requests parents and guardians to give him specific directions, in writing, as to the amount.

LIBRARY AND APPARATUS.

The Library of the Seminary now contains over 3600 volumes, and is accessible to all without charge.

A valuable Chemical and Philosophical Apparatus, with a Cabinet of Minerals, Globes, Maps, and Charts, enable us to render lessons in the experimental sciences both useful and attractive.

MEANS OF ACCESS AND COMMUNICATION.

Bethlehem is easy of access from all parts of the Union. It is the terminus of the North Pennsylvania Road, from Philadelphia, on the south; from New York and the east it is reached by the New Jersey Central, and Lehigh Valley Roads; from the north,

by the Lehigh Valley Road and its connections; and from the west, by the same with the East Pennsylvania Road.

Telegraph and express lines give additional facilities of communication with every part of the country.

TERMS.

BOARD, WASHING, AND TUITION, IN ALL ENGLISH BRANCHES:

First Term	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$75
Second "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100

At least *Fifty Dollars* are required to be paid in *advance*, at the time of admission.

Bills will be made out on the first of October, first of January, first of April, and at the close of the Session.

An advance of Fifty Dollars is required at the time of each of the above dates, and charged accordingly.

Prompt payment of the bills is expected.

EXTRA STUDIES,

NOT INCLUDED IN GENERAL TUITION.

1. *Music on the Piano-Forte*:—

Two Lessons per week, per quarter of 12 weeks,	\$6 to \$12
Three " " " "	8 to 16
Four " " " "	10 to 20
Five " " " "	12 to 24

The rates are regulated according to the advantages enjoyed, and include the use of the instrument. Every care is taken to make *all* the instructions thorough. None but the lowest rates are charged, except by special agreement.

General instruction in Choir Singing is free to all who wish to avail themselves of the opportunity.

2. *Special Instruction in Vocal Music*, per quarter of
twelve weeks - - - - - \$6 to \$20
3. *Instruction on the Guitar*, per quarter - \$6 to \$10
4. *Instruction on the Harp* - - - - - \$25
5. *Instruction in the Languages*—Latin, French, Ger-
man, Italian, Spanish, etc., per quarter, each \$5 00
6. *Drawing*, in Pencil and Crayon, and *Painting*, in
Water Colors, per quarter - - - - - \$5 00
7. *Oil Painting*, (in very small classes,) for 24 hours \$8 00
8. *Ornamental Needlework*, in Worsted, Chenille,
etc., for 50 lessons - - - - - \$3 00

Applications received by

REV. SYLVESTER WOLLE, PRINCIPAL